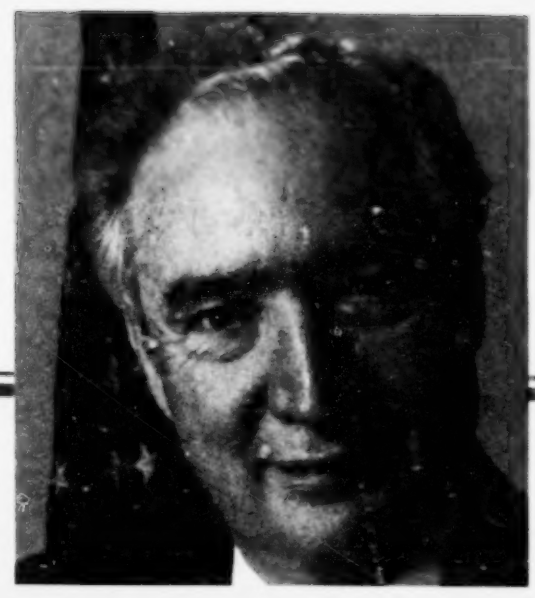

The Secretary of Education

As Secretary of Education, I am committed to ensuring that all Americans are educated to their fullest potential. The students we recognize with the Presidential ACADEMIC Fitness Award have not only made significant progress in the achievement of their own individual goals, but by their good example have also strengthened the ability of our nation to revitalize its educational system.

Because ours is an ever-changing society in an increasingly competitive world economy, we must prepare our young people to meet the challenges of the future with every resource available — and the greatest of these is a thorough and rigorous education. I am confident that the recipients of this Award are the first leaders in our struggle to recover academic excellence.

Let us honor the winners of the Presidential ACADEMIC Fitness Award for their commitment to learning and let us encourge all students to aspire to this Award.

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The President of the United States

As a nation, we have a solemn duty to do everything within our power to guarantee young people a future full of promise and opportunity. If we are to fulfill that responsibility, we must make sure that America's students receive the best possible education. One way to promote excellence in our schools is to recognize and reward scholastic achievement. That is why, in 1983, the Presidential ACADEMIC Fitness Award was established.

I am gratified that so many schools have participated in this awards program during the past seven years, and I hope that even more will join this year. For the sake of our children's future — and the future of the United States — we must make certain that the pursuit of learning becomes the highest priority for America's students.

Barbara and I extend our heartfelt congratulations to the winners of the Presidential ACADEMIC Fitness Award and to all those students who have strived for excellence during the past year. We encourage every young American to try to be the best he or she can be.

George Bush

PRESIDENTIAL **ACADEMIC** FITNESS AWARD (PAFA)

Awards are given at three levels to students who are graduating from elementary school, middle or junior high school, and high school. Students must fulfill all criteria listed below to qualify for the Presidential ACADEMIC Fitness Award.

CRITERIA

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

B+ Average: The overall B+ average is composed of all grades in the school including the fall semester of the graduating grade. It is equivalent to a 3.3 on a 4 point scale or 85 on a 100 point scale. Elementary Schools should not include grades K-3 in the average.

TEST SCORES

Standardized Achievement Test Battery Score At 80th Percentile: The battery must be from the current or preceding academic year and include **both** verbal and mathematical skills. Nationally standardized college admissions examinations, such as the SAT or ACT, may be used for the high school award.

COURSES IN NEW BASICS (High School Seniors Only)

Twelve Credits in the "New Basics" During Grades 9-12
The senior must complete by graduation at least 12 high school or higher level course units distributed among the "New Basics." The "New Basics" include: English, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign languages, and computer science. Credits are not required in each of the "New Basics."

EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT AWARD

These awards are optional and given at the principal's discretion to a limited number of students who do not meet all the academic criteria, but whom the principal wishes to recognize for extraordinary effort. These special awards may be presented to no more than 10 percent of the number of students who meet all of the academic criteria for the award.

For more information contact your local school principal or write to:

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